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INSIDE REPORT FROM TWO CONTINENTS

by

ELIOT ELISOFON
Life Photographer

HAL LEHRMAN
Correspondent and Lecturer

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In an exclusive, inside report to its membership, the Overseas Press Club next week presents two of its most distinguished Members, recently returned from extensive tours abroad. ELIOT ELISOFON, top-notch Life photographer, is just back from a five-month camera-and-text tour of Africa -- from the Nile, through Central Africa and up the Mountains of the Moon.

HAL LEHRMAN is newly arrived in the United States after a spring and summer spent on two coveted fellowships in Israel, Yugoslavia, Greece and Italy. He brings an informed reporter's view of events in those areas, and disclose this findings for the first time. Join next week to welcome these two accomplished journalists and hear their stories of political, social and economic life on two continents.

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Esquire travel editor RICHARD JOSEPH in from Europe aboard the Queen Elizabeth last week ... Columnist ALICE HUGHES mending at Lenox Hill Hospital after a spill from an open cab door ... Newly elected President of the Society of Magazine Writers, the organization of top free-lance writers, is DONALD ROBINSON. Congratulations! ... MARY HORNADY was a panel member for the American Woman's Association forum on "Today's Leading Problems" at the Barclay Hotel on November 29 ... Off this week on his first lecture tour since return from the Middle East and Balkans is HAL LEHRMAN; plans to hit Richmond, Va., Chicago, Cleveland and way-points ...

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LAWRENCE E. SPIVAK, co-producer and co-owner of "Meet the Press", is being congratulated these days for two awards his show recently won: the Sylvania Award for best educational television program offered as public service, and citation by the New Jersey Association of Teachers of English for the best educational TV show of the year. SPIVAK is also co-producing another notable series, DuMont's "Keep Posted", sponsored by the Curtis Publishing Company. His colleague in both programs is Martha Rountree ... First news of the phoney "cease fire" in Korea last week came as bona fide beats from CBS correspondents GEORGE HERMAN in Tokyo and ROBERT PIERPOINT in Seoul ...

ADELE NATHAN has just been named New York correspondent for the Cripple Creek (Colo.) Gold Rush and will write a column called "Nuggets from New York". The paper will be re-activated January 1 in the old ghost town, shortly to be restored ... CHARLES W. WHITE just back from a 2,600-mile tour of the "deep South" for the New York Times travel section and Baltimore Evening Sun editorial page. Off to Mississippi in January for a farm magazine ...

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Word from MAX JORDAN, former NBC correspondent to be ordained a priest in Beuron, Germany, today, says he will continue as European staff correspondent for the NCWC (National Catholic Welfare Conference) News Service of Washington, D.C. Will cover principally Germany and Switzerland, but expects to return to the United States next year. As far as records show, JORDAN will be the only Catholic priest to be a Member of the Overseas Press Club ... Happy to give Vanguard Press credit for publishing EDWARD HUNTER's "Brain-Washing in Red China", erroneously attributed to a Foreign Policy Association label in the November 10 Bulletin ...

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: NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS :
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ACTIVE: Max Winter, Acme Newspictures-NEA Service. England, Holland, Belgium, Switzerland, France, Spain, Morocco, Italy, Persia, etc., since 1948, for Acme Newspictures-NEA Service. Proposed by BERT BRANDT; seconded by ARTHUR RICKERBY.

Roderick MacArthur, Theatre Arts magazine. Mexico, 1943, for Business Week and the Associated Press; France, June to August, 1945, for International News Service; Germany, 1944 to 1945, for United Press; France, August 1945 to February 1948, for United Press. Proposed by JOHN MARTINCO; seconded by DOUG WERNER.

The Chairman of the Admissions Committee announces the election to membership in the Overseas Press Club of America of the following candidates:

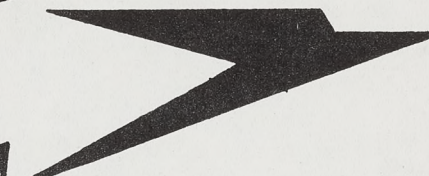
Active LEONARD SLATER, Los Angeles bureau chief, Newsweek magazine
Guest HENRY JAY KAHN, New York correspondent, Les Echos of Paris

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The Overseas Press Club records with sorrow the death on December 3 of Edwin L. James, for 19 years managing editor of the New York Times. Mr. James had been ill since June with a heart condition and last week suffered an internal hemorrhage. While not currently a Member of the Overseas Press Club, Mr. James nevertheless was a keen supporter of the Club and recently regretted his inability to be present at the luncheon held in honor of "Mike" Berger. He was also a former foreign and war correspondent with wide experience abroad. Expressions of the Club's regrets were telegraphed this week to his widow and to his publisher, Arthur Hays Sulzberger. To many OPCers who served under him, his passing is a real loss.

Holt has postponed scheduling "Douglas MacArthur" by CLARK LEE and RICHARD HENSCHEL until after the first of the year. New publication date: January 28 ... GEORGE HERMAN at the battlefront in Korea to broadcast the CBS "Report from Overseas" December 7 ... HUGH CONWAY postcards regards (in Greek letters yet!) from Athens ...

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MACARTHUR'S INTELLIGENCE CHIEF ATTACKS COVERAGE OF KOREAN WAR;
CHARGES "INACCURATE" REPORTING GAVE "AID AND COMFORT TO THE ENEMY"

A heavy verbal artillery barrage was directed against a wide segment of the American press this week by Maj. Gen. Charles O. Willoughby, Assistant Chief of Staff G-2 for General MacArthur. Writing in the December Cosmopolitan magazine, the retired Army Officer charged many war correspondents were guilty of "inaccurate, biased and petulant" reporting in Korea to such an extent that they gave "aid and comfort to the enemy." He singled out six newsmen

..... for individual criticism, among them the
: GENERAL WILLOUGHBY TO MEET OPC NEXT MONTH : AP's HAL BOYLE -- "the tough-and-ready front-
: line type, recognizable by a cigarette hang-
: ing precariously from a corner of the mouth
: while the straps of the steel helmet are
: never fastened. (This sartorial touch is de
: rigueur at the front)."

: Others personally attacked were Hanson
: Baldwin, New York Times military correspon-
: dent; Homer Bigart, New York Herald Tribune
: writer; Joseph Alsop, Herald Tribune colum-
: nist; Drew Pearson, Bell Syndicate columnist;
: and Christopher Rand, former Herald Tribune
: correspondent.

: After exempting from his criticism the
: New York Times, Shreveport Times, wire ser-
: vices, Marguerite Higgins and the Hearst and
: Scripps-Howard newspapers, General Willoughby
: dubbed other newsmen "ragpickers of modern

literature, roughly between belles-lettres and the police blotter...(who) thrive on sensa-
tional exaggerations." To them, the general said, "accuracy is quite unimportant." The
article, endorsed in a boxed note by General MacArthur, concluded with: "In the case of
Korea, I am convinced the nuance of defeat created an atmosphere of tension, uneasiness and
distrust between Tokyo and Washington. This is believed to have been the major cause of the
MacArthur-Truman split."

HAL BOYLE, who leaves next week to spend Christmas in Korea, retorted that "the
general's job was to obtain information about the Chinese and to evaluate it. I thought
then, and I still think, that our Intelligence was tragically bad...Generalities about 'bias
and prejudice' cannot outweigh the hard facts of defeat and the cold statistics of losses.
It was not the 'bias and prejudice' that rolled the Army back across thousands of square
miles of lost ground."



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PARTNERSHIP CAN SOLVE) Dr. Heinz L. Krekeler, charge d'affaires of the Federal Republic
MOST GERMAN PROBLEMS,) of Germany's Mission to the U.S. and its consul general in New York,
KREKELER TELLS CLUB) and Count Felix von Luckner, World War I naval hero, were guests of
the OPC this week at a Toots Shor's luncheon attended by more than
60 Members and their friends. Vice President WILLIAM P. GRAY presided, and Past President
LOUIS P. LOCHNER, former AP chief in Berlin, introduced the speakers.

Dr. Krekeler especially stressed in his talk the need for European unity, and pointed out that "the social and cultural unity of Europe is a reality and the idea of keeping up barriers is an illusion." However, he said the U.S. was in a better position at the moment to recognize this reality than Europeans themselves, because Americans have solved the integration problem.

"It is no use speaking of integration on a short-term basis", he said. "Europe must be integrated on a permanent partnership basis, drawing on the symbol of family life." Dr. Krekeler then launched into a discussion of the disarmament problem, which he said boiled down to the question of whether one of the partners could be spared "one of the duties of partnership. What has to be decided is whether Germany is to take upon itself all the duties of a partner or be spared some".

"Diplomatic victories", Dr. Krekeler reminded his audience, was a phrase often heard between members of a European alliance. But, he said, "diplomatic victories for one partner mean defeat for the common cause. Compromises and sacrifices are what are needed from all concerned." Dr. Krekeler praised France for its "very great sacrifice" in being willing to give up its national army; "we have none to give up, so the sacrifice for us is not the same", he concluded.

Before Dr. Krekeler and Count von Luckner spoke, Vice President GRAY welcomed DOROTHY FISCHER, just back from Munich; Roy Blumenthal and Pat Bronte of the German Consulate; Dave Shaefer, just returned from Germany and Scandinavia where he has been making television films for the OPC; new Member HENRY KAHN; the Philadelphia Bulletin's MELVIN K. WHITELEATHER... Also RALPH GOLDBURGH, New York Times photographer; Walter Gong, German press advisor and former editor of the Bremer Nachrichten; SIGRID SCHULTZ, formerly in Berlin for the Chicago Tribune; and JOHN ELLIOT, ex-Berlin correspondent for the New York Herald Tribune. The book prize, presented by Mrs. H. V. Kaltenborn and won by BELLA FROM, correspondent for the Frankfurter Rundschau, was William O. Douglas' "Strange Lands and Friendly People", published by Harper's. Thanks to DOROTHY N. S. RUSSELL, erstwhile Bulletin correspondent in Frankfurt, for this news report.

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